The original Basic Computer Games is now available in an e-book edition. All the original games have been re-coded into easy-to-use Small Basic, and it includes all of Beker's drawings (plus a few new ones as well). Click here for info. George Beker's drawings are also available separately as The 'Bot Folio.
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This is one of the more comprehensive, difficult, and interesting land and resource management games. (If you've never played one of these games, start with HAMMURABI.)

In this game, you are Premier of Setats Detina, a small communist island 30 by 70 miles long. Your job is to decide upon the budget of the country and distribute money to your countrymen from the communal treasury.

The money system is Rallods; each person needs 100 Rallods per year to survive. Your country's income comes from farm produce and tourists visiting your magnificent forests, hunting, fishing, etc. Part of your land is farm land but it also has an excellent mineral content and may be sold to foreign industry for strip mining. Industry import and support their own workers. Crops cost between 10 and 15 Rallods per square mile to plant, cultivate, and harvest. Your goal is to complete an eight-year term of office without major mishap. A word of warning: it isn't easy!

The author of this program is James A. Storer who wrote it while a student at Lexington High School.

DO YOU WANT INSTRUCTIONS? YES

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU'VE JUST BEEN ELECTED PREMIER OF SETATS DETINA, A SMALL COMMUNIST ISLAND 30 BY 70 MILES LONG. YOUR JOB IS TO DECIDE UPON THE COUNTRY'S BUDGET AND DISTRIBUTE MONEY TO YOUR COUNTRYMEN FROM THE COMMUNAL TREASURY. THE MONEY SYSTEM IS RALLODS, AND EACH PERSON NEEDS 100 RALLODS PER YEAR TO SURVIVE. YOUR COUNTRY'S INCOME COMES FROM FARM PRODUCE AND TOURISTS VISITING YOUR MAGNIFICENT FORESTS, HUNTING, FISHING, ETC. HALF YOUR LAND IS FARM LAND WHICH ALSO HAS AN EXCELLENT MINERAL CONTENT AND MAY BE SOLD TO FOREIGN INDUSTRY (STRIP MINING) WHO IMPORT AND SUPPORT THEIR OWN WORKERS. CROPS COST BETWEEN 10 AND 15 RALLODS PER SQ. MILE TO PLANT. YOUR GOAL IS TO COMPLETE YOUR 8 YEAR TERM OF OFFICE. GOOD LUCK.

YOU NOW HAVE 59907 RALLODS IN THE TREASURY. 952 COUNTRYMEN, AND 2000 SQ. MILES OF LAND. THIS YEAR INDUSTRY WILL BUY LAND FOR 103 RALLODS PER SQ. MILE. LAND CURRENTLY COSTS 10 RALLODS PER SQ. MILE TO PLANT.

HOW MANY SQ. MILES DO YOU WISH TO SELL TO INDUSTRY? 200
HOW MANY RALLODS WILL YOU DISTRIBUTE TO YOUR COUNTRYMEN? 50200
HOW MANY RALLODS DO YOU WISH TO SPEND ON POLLUTION CONTROL? 10000

212 WORKERS CAME TO THE COUNTRY AND 376 COUNTRYMEN CAME TO THE ISLAND. OF 500 SQ. MILES PLANTED, YOU HARVESTED 340 SQ. MILES OF CROPS. (DUE TO AIR AND WATER POLLUTION FROM FOREIGN INDUSTRY.) MAKING 17510 RALLODS. YOU MADE 6179 RALLODS FROM TOURIST TRADE.

YOU NOW HAVE 65634 RALLODS IN THE TREASURY. 898 COUNTRYMEN, 212 FOREIGN WORKERS, AND 1800 SQ. MILES OF LAND. THIS YEAR INDUSTRY WILL BUY LAND FOR 78 RALLODS PER SQ. MILE. LAND CURRENTLY COSTS 13 RALLODS PER SQ. MILE TO PLANT.

HOW MANY SQ. MILES DO YOU WISH TO SELL TO INDUSTRY? 0
HOW MANY RALLODS WILL YOU DISTRIBUTE TO YOUR COUNTRYMEN? 89800
THINK AGAIN, YOU'VE ONLY 65634 RALLODS IN THE TREASURY.

HOW MANY RALLODS WILL YOU DISTRIBUTE TO YOUR COUNTRYMEN? 40000
HOW MANY RALLODS DO YOU WISH TO SPEND ON POLLUTION CONTROL? 4000

498 COUNTRYMEN DIED OF STARVATION
YOU WERE FORCED TO SELL 4480 RALLODS ON FUNERAL EXPENSES
234 COUNTRYMEN CAME TO THE ISLAND.
OF 600 SQ. MILES PLANTED, YOU HARVESTED 448 SQ. MILES OF CROPS.
(DUE TO AIR AND WATER POLLUTION FROM FOREIGN INDUSTRY.) MAKING 21952 RALLODS.
YOU MADE 4048 RALLODS FROM TOURIST TRADE.
DECREASE BECAUSE AIR POLLUTION IS KILLING GAME BIRD POPULATION.

498 COUNTRYMEN DIED IN ONE YEAR!
DUE TO THIS EXTREME MISMANAGEMENT YOU HAVE NOT ONLY BEEN IMPEACHED AND THROWN OUT OF OFFICE BUT YOU HAVE ALSO GAINED A VERY BAD REPUTATION.
210 \textbf{PRINT:} "THICKER TOP SOIL, ETC."
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1130 IF F1>F0 THEN 1150
1140 PRINT F1;"COUNTRYMEN DIED OF CARBON-MONOXIDE AND DUST INHALATION"
1150 IF INT((I/1000)-B)<0 THEN 1170
1160 IF FI>F0 THEN 1180
1145 GOTO 1200
1170 PRINT "YOU WERE FORCED TO SPEND";INT(F1+(B-(I/1000)))*F1;
1172 PRINT "ALLODDS ON FUNERAL EXPENSES"
1174 B=INT(F1+(B-(I/1000)));
1175 A=INT(A-(F1+(B-(I/1000)))*F1);
1176 GOTO 1185
1180 PRINT "YOU WERE FORCED TO SPEND";INT(F1)*F1;"ALLODDS ON"
1181 PRINT "FUNERAL EXPENSES"
1182 B5=F1
1183 A=INT(A-(F1)*F1)
1185 IF DO>0 THEN 1194
1187 PRINT "INSUFFICIENT RESERVES TO COVER COST - LAND WAS SOLD"
1189 B=INT(B5+(A/F1))
1190 A0=D
1194 B=INT(B5)
1200 IF H=0 THEN 1250
1220 C=INT((RNDB(1)+0)*10)-(RNDB(1)*20));
1224 IF CO THEN 1230
1226 C=C+20
1230 PRINT "1; "WORLDS CAME TO THE COUNTRY AND"
1250 P1=INT((B0-B)+1/2-1000)-(2000-D)/(50)-(1/2));
1255 PRINT ABS(P1);"COUNTRYMEN ";
1260 IF P1<0 THEN 1275
1264 PRINT "CAME TO";
1270 GOTO 1280
1275 PRINT "LEFT";
1280 PRINT "THE ISLAND.";
1290 B=INT(B5)
1292 C=INT(C5)
1305 U2=INT((2000-D)*((RNDB(1)*1.5)/(2)));
1310 IF C=0 THEN 1324
1320 PRINT "OF":INT((2000-D)/90);"SO. MILES PLANTED,";
1324 IF D=2 THEN 1330
1326 U2=;
1330 PRINT "YOU HARVESTED":INT(U2);"SO. MILES OF CROPS."
1340 IF U2>0 THEN 1370
1344 IF TI>2 THEN 1370
1350 PRINT "COME" TO ";
1355 IF TI>0 THEN 1365
1360 PRINT ";CREASE ";
1365 PRINT "AIR AND WATER POLLUTION FROM FOREIGN (INDUSTRY)."
1370 O=INT((U2/U2)*2))
1380 PRINT " - RAKING";INT(F1);"ALLODDS."
1390 A=INT(A0)
1400 U1=INT((B-PI2222222)*RNDB(1)*500)
1405 U2=INT((2000-B)*15)
1410 PRINT " - TOWARDS";INT(U1*V2);"ALLODDS FROM TOURIST TRADE."
1420 IF U2>0 THEN 1450
1425 IF U1=U2>U2 THEN 1450
1430 PRINT "DECREASE BECAUSE ";
1435 B1=0+RNDB(1))
1440 IF GI<2 THEN 1460
1442 IF GI<4 THEN 1463
1444 IF GI<6 THEN 1470
1445 IF GI<9 THEN 1475
1446 IF GI<10 THEN 1480
1450 V2=(I-A)*U2)
1451 A=INT(A45)
1452 GOTO 1500
1459 PRINT "FISH POPULATION HAS WINKLED DUE TO WATER POLLUTION."
1462 GOTO 1450
1465 PRINT "AIR POLLUTION IS KILLING GAME BIRD POPULATION."
1467 GOTO 1450
1470 PRINT "MINERAL BATHS ARE BEING RUINED BY WATER POLLUTION."
1472 GOTO 1450
1475 PRINT "UNPLEASANT SMOG IS DISCOURAGING SUM BATHERS."
1477 GOTO 1450
1480 PRINT "MOTELS ARE LOOKING SHABBY DUE TO SMOG GRT."
1482 GOTO 1450
1500 IF BS>200 THEN 1600
1505 IF BC>33 THEN 1700
1510 IF AK>1000/5 THEN 1800
1515 IF CB THEN 1550
1520 IF MS>150 THEN 1900
1535 GOTO 2000
1550 PRINT
1552 PRINT
1560 PRINT "THE NUMBER OF FOREIGN WORKERS HAS EXCEEDED THE NUMBER"
1562 PRINT "OF COUNTRYMEN. AS A MAJORITY THEY HAVE REVOLTED AND"
1564 PRINT "TAKEN OVER THE COUNTRY."
1570 IF RNDB(1)>0.5 THEN 1570
1574 PRINT "YOU HAVE BEEN THROWN OUT OF OFFICE AND YOU ARE NOW"
1576 PRINT "RESIDING IN PRISON."
1578 GOTO 1590
1580 PRINT "YOU HAVE BEEN ASSASSINATED."
1590 PRINT
1592 PRINT
1596 STOP
1600 PRINT
1602 PRINT
1610 PRINT BS;"COUNTRYMEN DIED IN ONE YEAR!!!!!!";
1615 PRINT "DUE TO EXTREME MISMANAGEMENT YOU HAVE NOT ONLY"
1620 PRINT "BEEN IMPEACHED AND THROWN OUT OF OFFICE BUT YOU"
1622 MS=INT(RNDB(1)+10)
1625 IF MS>C THEN 1670
1630 IF MS<0 THEN 1680
1635 IF MS<10 THEN 1690
1670 PRINT "ALSO HAD YOUR LEFT EYE GOGGED OUT."
1672 GOTO 1590
1674 PRINT "YOU HAVE ALSO GAINED A VERY BAD REPUTATION."
1682 GOTO 1590
1670 PRINT "YOU HAVE ALSO BEEN DECLARED NATIONAL FINK."
1692 GOTO 1590
1700 PRINT
1702 PRINT
1710 PRINT "OVER ONE THIRD OF THE POPULATION HAS DIED SINCE YOU"
1715 PRINT "WERE Elected TO OFFICE. THE PEOPLE (REMAINING)"
1720 PRINT "HATE YOUR GUTS."
1730 GOTO 1570
1750 IF BS+2IC2 THEN 1515
1800 PRINT "MONEY WAS LEFT OVER IN THE TREASURY WHICH YOU DID"
1820 PRINT "NOT SPEND. AS A RESULT SOME OF YOUR COUNTRYMEN DIED"
1825 PRINT "OF STARVATION. THE PUBLIC IS ENRAGED AND YOU HAVE"
1830 PRINT "BEEN FORCED TO EITHER RESIGN OR COMMIT SUICIDE."
1835 PRINT "THE CHOICE IS YOURS..."
1840 PRINT "IF YOU CHOOSE THE LATTER, PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR COMPUTER."
1845 PRINT "BEFORE PROCEEDING."
1850 GOTO 1590
1900 PRINT
1920 PRINT "CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"
1925 PRINT "YOU HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED YOUR;";MS;'YEAR TERM"
1930 PRINT "OF OFFICE. YOU WERE, OF COURSE, EXTREMELY LUCKY, BUT"
1935 PRINT "NEVERTHELESS, IT'S QUITE AN ACHIEVEMENT. GODDE HAV SURF"
1940 PRINT "LUCK - YOU'LL PROBABLY NEED IT IF YOU'RE THE TYPE THAT"
1945 PRINT "PLAYS THIS GAME."
1950 GOTO 1590
1960 PRINT "HOW MANY YEARS HAD YOU BEEN IN OFFICE WHEN INTERRUPTED?"
1961 INPUT X2
1962 IF X2>0 THEN 1590
1963 IF X2<0 THEN 1949
1965 PRINT "COME ON, YOUR TERM IN OFFICE IS ONLY";MS;'YEARS."
1967 GOTO 1940
1969 PRINT "YOU MUCH DID YOU HAVE IN THE TREASURY?"
1970 INPUT A
1971 IF A0<0 THEN 1590
1975 PRINT "YOU MUCH COUNTRYMEN?"
1976 IF A>0 THEN 1590
1977 IF A0>0 THEN 1590
1980 PRINT "YOU MUCH WORKERS?"
1981 INPUT C
1982 IF C>0 THEN 1590
1990 PRINT "YOU MUCH SQ. MILES OF LAND?"
1991 INPUT D
1992 IF D>0 THEN 1590
1993 IF D<0 THEN 1949
1995 PRINT "COME ON, YOU STARTED WITH 1000 SQ. MILES OF FARM LAND";
1997 PRINT "AND 10000 SQ. MILES OF FOREST LAND."
1999 GOTO 1590
2000 X5=x5+1
2020 B5=0
2040 GOTO 100
2044 END